

THE Oroville Mercury, in discussing the Sawyer decision does not draw a desponding view, but on the contrary predicts a brighter future. The editor of the *Mercury* labored to ascertain public opinion about town, but failing talks for himself, saying: "So far as we are concerned, hydraulic mining stopped two years ago, and the shock was sustained and the country still exists. In the meantime other industries have been developing, and the day of our assured and permanent prosperity seems about to dawn upon us. The ditches which formerly flowed their waters to the mines are still here, and a thousand individuals have begun to plant orchards and orange gardens knowing that these waters are ready at hand to make them richly productive. Such mines as are now being worked and as may be remunerative to the owners we are glad to see continue operations, but when public opinion is asked for on the issue involved in the recent decision, one would have to shake it up, and call it away from us. The ditches which formerly flowed their waters to the mines are still here, and a thousand individuals have begun to plant orchards and orange gardens knowing that these waters are ready at hand to make them richly productive. Such mines as are now being worked and as may be remunerative to the owners we are glad to see continue operations, but when public opinion is asked for on the issue involved in the recent decision, one would have to shake it up, and call it away from other matters of importance in which it is now interested."

THE MARYSVILLE APPEAL says Judge Sawyer's decision "blots out a relic of barbarism, and sustains civilization." This is decidedly refreshing! According to this the bucolic regions of Marysville presents civilization in its highest development, and the mining regions of the Sierras are inhabited by barbarians. We do not deny that the mountaineers are more savage now than they were a week ago.—*Grass Valley Union*.

Is it evidence of civilization in a people who persist in following an unlawful and destructive business, and in so doing defy the process of the courts, resist the officers of the law, and ask the injured people "what are you going to do about it?" Judge Sawyer blots out such barbarians.

THE Record Union has this to say of us: **THE MARYSVILLE APPEAL** has entered upon its forty-ninth volume and twenty-fourth year. It is one of the staring, good and well conducted papers of the interior, and among the most reliable and able.